

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

MEETING MINUTES – 18 FEBRUARY 2025

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Date & Time:	18 February 2025 - 5:00pm
Location:	Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard
Council Representatives:	Cr Celisa Edwards (Chair), Cr Andrea Courtney (Deputy Chair)
Members:	Brenton Hosking, Colin Hocking, Fiona Loughran, Hannah Sadler, Ian Ferris, Ian Newman, Peter Lawrence, Robin Krabbe, Wendy Bryant-Bergman
Staff in Attendance:	Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward, Andrew Vocke
Apologies:	Brenton Hosking, Peter Lawrence, Cr Andrea Courtney, Robin Krabbe, Daniel Summers, Bill Walker

#	AGENDA ITEMS
1.	Welcome
2.	Confirm Minutes
3.	Guest Presenter/s: Nil
4.	Active Actions:
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)
6.	Upcoming Meetings
7.	New/General Business:
8.	Closure
#	ACTIONS TAKEN
1.	Nil
#	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
1.	Nil

1 WELCOME

- A quorum was established, and the meeting was officially opened at 17:05

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved I. Ferris Seconded H. Sadler

That the minutes of the SEAP meeting held on 17 December 2024, as circulated to Members, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Carried.

3 GUEST PRESENTER/S: NONE

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4 ACTIVE ACTIONS – MEETING OUTCOMES

Action Item	Source	Action Record	Responsibility	Outcome
<p>Ballad Ave: Suggest land use options for Council land.</p> <p>R:= recommendation</p>	Council Request (relates to action plan)	<p>05/23: first raised.</p> <p>02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>03/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p>	<p>I. Ferris P. Lawrence B. Hocking F. Loughran I. Newman C. Hocking H. Sadler D. Hicks</p>	<p>A draft version of the proposed master plan was provided for the panel's review and feedback. The group was advised that early feedback from the subgroup had not been incorporated yet but was due to be passed on in the next week.</p> <p>A short overview of the current list of actions was given before the group looked at prioritising these for delivery strategy. During the prioritisation, a small number of actions were newly realised and added for inclusion.</p> <p>It was noted that the next iteration of the plan with the prioritised actions and feedback to date will return to the group once updated.</p>
<p>Food Security: Investigate opportunities to develop a food policy.</p> <p>R: Identify and facilitate mapping of food security based partnerships.</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 1.1	<p>03/23: first raised.</p> <p>09/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting: Council to identify and facilitate mapping of food security based partnerships.</p> <p>10/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>03/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p>	<p>R. Krabbe H. Sadler W. Bryant D. Hicks D. Summers</p>	<p>W. Bryant stepped out at 17:50 with a declared conflict of interest for this agenda item.</p> <p>Minor discussion around the draft policy occurred. A question was raised around a potential steering committee consultation going forward and whether something like this could become part of the policy wording.</p> <p>The query was taken on notice, to be reviewed at the next meeting.</p> <p>W. Bryant returned to the meeting at 17:55.</p> <p>Task: D. Hicks to address whether there is a place for ongoing steering committee consultation as part of the Food Security Policy and/or whether this can be included in policy documentation.</p>

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Tree & Vegetation Strategy: R: Initiate creation of a comprehensive Tree & Vegetation Policy and Strategy</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 3.1	<p>03/23: first raised.</p> <p>11/23: recommendation raised from SEAP meeting: review & replace existing tree management policy.</p> <p>01/24: recommendation made and endorsed.</p> <p>02/24: SEAP endorse draft project plan.</p> <p>04/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>05/24: recommendation made and endorsed.</p>	C. Hocking P. Lawrence I. Ferris D. Hicks D. Summers	A general overview was provided on the status of the strategy noting that there is a bit more research around fire management to be done. It was also mentioned that the vegetation framework is also progressing with the assistance of a consultant to assist with background research.
<p>Sisters Beach Road: R: Council to request reduced speed limit. R: Council consideration for extending virtual fencing.</p>	SEAP	<p>05/23: recommendations raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>06/23: recommendations made to Council and endorsed.</p>	D. Summers B. Walker H. Sadler C. Hocking	<p>A traffic count report was tabled at the meeting and an overview of the report outcomes was provided to the group followed by discussion.</p> <p>It was suggested that with the current data set, it was unlikely that the speed along the road would be dropped based on the Transport Commissioner's current assessment criteria.</p> <p>SEAP members discussed options and determined not to proceed with a recommendation to Council to reduce the speed limit at this time, but rather to obtain additional information relating to roadkill (noting Woolnorth's Road success). This item is therefore to remain active on the SEAP agenda for further comment upon receipt of the required data.</p>

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Expanding Focus Areas: R: SEAP & Councillors to attend other municipal localities to expand focus.</p>	SEAP	<p>09/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>10/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>02/24: SEAP to identify site locations to visit</p>	SEAP	<p>A suggestion was raised by a member regarding a tour to the Penguin Foreshore to review plantings at this site. It was queried whether the group would like to investigate while there are still ongoing discussions along foreshore areas which are not yet planned.</p> <p>It was suggested that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting as the member who raised the suggestion was an apology and unable to participate in the discussion.</p>
<p>School Engagement on Alternative Transport: R: Council to engage with school community re: traffic & ways to encourage walking/riding to school</p>	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	<p>11/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>01/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p>	K. Steward	<p>An update was provided on school engagement which suggested that more information may become available with school being back in session.</p> <p>Some discussion followed around pedestrian right of way and some advocacy potential to state government. It was also suggested that barring any input from schools, focusing on the liveability plan to roadmap and explore appropriate linkages across the pathway network.</p>
<p>Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement R: Develop a position statement opposing further offshore oil and gas exploration and development in waters off Tasmania. R: Council to advocate to LGAT regarding offshore oil and gas exploration in Tasmanian and adjacent Commonwealth waters off Tasmania.</p>	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	<p>02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>03/24: recommendation made to Council, noted and tabled for workshopping.</p> <p>08/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>09/24: recommendation made to Council, tabled for workshopping.</p>	H Sadler B Hosking D Summers	<p>A brief overview was provided. It was advised that the Mayor will be presenting a paper on the offshore oil and gas exploration issue for vote at the next LGAT meeting, which is scheduled to occur prior to the next SEAP meeting.</p>
Stormwater Policy	Council	04/24: first raised	D. Summers	Discussion was parked for this item until next meeting – awaiting update to Policy wording.

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State of the Environment R: Advocate to the state government to publish the 2024 State of the Environment Report immediately following its release to parliament	SEAP	05/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	D Hicks D Summers	A high level overview was provided noting that feedback is being collated and any additional comments can still be provided. The key position was to advocate for state to keep to the timelines that have been laid out for these reports.

5 NON-ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR INFORMATION

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R:= recommendation			
Community Adaptation & Resilience: provide case studies to assist progress for achievable projects.	Action Plan Focus Area 1	03/23: first raised	No Discussion
Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement	Action Plan Focus Area 1		No Discussion
Waste Education Seek information on possible funding for waste education through the state government.	Action Plan Focus Area 2	03/23: first raised	No Discussion
Green Waste Recycling	Action Plan Focus Area 2		No Discussion
Local & Sustainable Food Waste Systems	Action Plan Focus Area 2		No Discussion
Increase Native Biodiversity	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion

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Land for Wildlife Reserves	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Natural Values Database	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Plan for Arboreta/ums	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Weed Reduction Program: form a sub-group and produce reduction program incl. education	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23: first raised.	No Discussion
Wildlife Corridors: research and provide case studies for the group's consideration to follow vegetation strategy actions	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23: first raised. 04/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.	No Discussion
Sponsorship Signage Policy: R: amend Sponsorship Signage Policy to exclude fossil fuels in recognition of their health and climate impacts.	Action Plan Focus Area 1	03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 05/23: implementation complete, action closed.	COMPLETE - CLOSED
Cities of Power R: participate in the Cities Power Partnership which presents an opportunity to join dozens of other councils across the country leading the way to a zero emissions future by providing the necessary tools, resources, and connections to help accelerate their climate and energy goals.	Action Plan Focus Area 1	03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 04/23: implementation initiated. 07/23: implementation complete, action closed	COMPLETE - CLOSED
Annual EcoFair: R: Introduce an annual EcoFair event in conjunction with Spring Loaded to raise awareness in the community and promote sustainable living and a healthy relationship with the environment.	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 04/23: implementation initiated. 10/23: implementation complete, action closed.	COMPLETE – CLOSED

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HEAT: R: Council to seek out greater uptake options	Action Plan Focus Area 1:	03/23: first raised. 05/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 06/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 08/24: implementation scheduled for progression in the 2024/2025 financial year, action closed.	COMPLETE - CLOSED
FOGO: Regional implementation of FOGO for reduced waste to landfill.	Council (Action Plan Focus Area 2)	03/23: 2020 feasibility study shared with SEAP. 05/23: Council endorse regional rollout. 02/24: update on rollout. 12/24: implementation complete, now embedded into operational practice, action closed	COMPLETE - CLOSED

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6 UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next meeting on 15 April 2025 located at Council Chambers has been confirmed.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- B. Hosking requested discussion of Climate Impact included in iCEP.
 - This discussion was parked until next meeting so the raising member could be part of the discussion.
- Tulip Festival – D. Hicks advised the panel that the events officer is holding a creative workshop for the future of the Tulip Festival and is seeking input from 2 -4 SEAP members to assist with a review of the Eco Village and how it might be improved to provide a greater impact. Members were asked to advise if they would like to participate. Members: H. Sadler, W. Bryant-Bergman, I. Newman, F. Loughran and C. Hocking

Task: D. Hicks to provide the list of interested parties to the events officer for the Eco Village creative workshop.

The Chair called for members to raise other general business; the following discussions were noted:

- Sisters Beach Bridge - F. Loughran requested information on when SEAP members (who raised their interest) would be involved in a discussion relating to vegetation impact for future bridge renewal. It was noted that platypus had been seen in the waters near the bridge in the past that should be factored in.

Task: D. Hicks to provide the timeline for when relevant SEAP members could contribute to the discussion relating to the future renewal of the bridge.

- A. Vocke provided a short bio to the group as the new NRM officer for WWC, CHC and CCA will be taking over from B. Walker with the group.

8 CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 18:46